

LUMSDEN SCHOOL

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Reminder: text follow lumsdenschool to 8987 so that you will receive immediate text notification of alerts and reminders via our twitter account (e.g. snow days, cancellations).

Dear School Friends and Families



Much excitement today (especially among playtime and lunchtime sandpit dwellers!), with the presentation of wonderful new sandpit toys. We are hugely grateful to Sarah and Ben Walling of Walling Contracting, who have arranged this donation, with the support of Southfuels and Southland Farm Machinery. These toys will no doubt provide no end of creative fun, with many and varied 'contracting' projects completed! A huge thanks to the Wallings, Southfuels and Southland farm machinery for this great support.

What a brilliant day for the Cross Country this week – Blue sky, sunshine.....and snow! Great to see children giving their best and supporting each other. Cross Country is not everyone's favourite sport to be fair, and yet we not only had many winners come over the line (e.g. the 3 Leach and 2 Mitchell 'rockets'!), but many with a 'winning' attitude who rose to the challenge of completing the course giving it their all. See over for our Northern qualifiers, who will be running at Mararoa on Friday June 2.

*Champions run hard,
when it's hard to run*

Later in the term (Week 9) will see achievement reports come home for our Year 4-6 children. You will notice a new, and (we believe) much improved format. Some parents of Year 1-3 children will have already seen this, and we've had some positive feedback so far in terms of the quality of information this new format enables. One significant change is that now there is no wording to state whether children are 'below', 'at' or 'above' National Standards. While there is a graphic which makes achievement clear against National Standards, we were conscious that use of the word 'below' in particular is potentially hurtful and detrimental to children's confidence, when most importantly they may well have been making steady progress through a great attitude and hard work.

Fidget spinners – Fun toys (I've enjoyed having a play with one myself!). They've been very well marketed to appeal to parents as a 'concentration tool'. I'll stick to just 'fun toy'. They don't do anything to help our kids be active and respectful listeners, an important life skill which we try to foster at school. So we'd appreciate your support with reminding your children to leave them at home if they have one, in line with our 'bring no toys to school' procedure, which eliminates potential issues around personal belongings going missing or getting broken, or detracting from learning activity during class. The children are able to enjoy lots of school-owned toys, games, and sports equipment while at school.



On Thursday we had Mark Herring from Using Technology Better working in classrooms alongside teachers. Mark is providing excellent ongoing professional development for staff in terms of how we can make the most of technology to enrich children's learning.

Thank you to Sandra Prebble from Dipton, who has joined our Buddy Reading team, kindly giving of her time on Tuesday mornings to read with children. We would love to hear from anyone else who would be able to spare an hour on Tuesday mornings (9:30-10:30) to help with this very worthwhile programme, which our children benefit so much from.

Have a good weekend. E Haera rā

Andrew Watson
Principal

Looking Ahead 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
29	30	31 Plunket – Dress Up Day	1 June	2 Northern Cross Country, Mararoa	3	4
5 Queen’s Birthday	6	7 Stardome Visit	8 Self Defence Course - Yr 3/4 girls	9	10	11
12 Elgrego Show 1.40 pm	13	14 St John in Schools	15	16	16	18
19	20 BOT Meeting	21	22	23 “B for Bike” Day	24	25
26	27	28	29 Bingo Night	30	1 Jul	2
3 3-way Parent Interviews (Yr 4-6)	4	5 3-way Parent Interviews (Yr 4-6)	6	7 End of Term 2	8	9

Welcome to School

Welcome to Dustin and Sahara Rohde, Hannah Muilwyk’s cousins, who are here for 2 or 3 weeks while their family settles in New Zealand having shifted from Australia.

Police Vetting Urgent Reminder for All Parents

Please return Police Vetting Consent Forms to school for all parents interested in supporting with school events, e.g. camps, trips. We would like to get this process underway as soon as possible to ensure this is tidied up well before camps, etc. **Also, we have been advised that as from 1 July 2017 a fee of \$8.50 + GST will be implemented by the NZ Police for each vetting.** Thanks to those parents who have returned all their information as well as provided their required ID. If you need another copy of forms sent home please contact the office.

NB: If parents wish to be considered for attending **school camp** this year in Dunedin it will be **essential to have been vetted**. The same will soon apply for school day trips and volunteer helpers. A reminder that consent forms can be accessed on the school website under each weeks newsletter. Thank you for your support with this.

Financial Contribution for Term 2 now due

The Board of Trustees respectfully ask for financial donations from each family to the value of \$100 per child for the first two children and \$70 for the third per annum.

We ask that you pay \$25 per child (for the first two) and \$17.50 for the third child for the second term. Alternatively you may wish to pay the full annual donation as a lump sum. Please make payment to Sharon in the office at school or directly into the school bank account 030960-0112624-00 (child/ren’s name as reference). Thanks to those families who have already paid.

BOT News

- The Board of Trustees are excited to welcome Rebecca Patterson ‘aboard’ as a representative of our Māori whānau.
- Simon would love some support from our school community to begin the planning stage of our new bike track. If this is something which interests you please phone him on 248 7246.

School Sore and Chickenpox Alert

We have had a couple of cases of School Sores recently in the school. Early signs are scabby sores on exposed parts of body. Medication is required to treat this infection. Children are infectious for 24 hours until after treatment with antibiotics has started, so they will need to stay at home during this time.

We have also had a few cases of Chickenpox recently. This disease is spread by coughing and sneezing, also direct contact with weeping blisters. Time between exposure and sickness is 13 – 17 days. Early signs are fever and spots with a blister on top of each spot. Children are infectious from up to 5 days before appearance of rash until lesions have crusted (usually about 5 days), so they will need to stay at home for one week from the date of appearance of rash.

Please keep a check on your child for any symptoms.

Change of Clothes

Please send a change of clothes along with children who are going to be playing on the field at interval or lunch time. Thanks.

Mid Dome Cross Country Results

(First 6 place-getters 8 – 11 year qualified for Northern)

Age Group	Boys	Girls
5 years	1 st Kahn Henry	2 nd Myah Gerken
	3 rd Wenzel Angeles	
6 years	2 nd Saige Cambridge	3 rd Xanthe Saunders
	6 th Parker Maclean	5 th Elizabeth Grant
7 years	2 nd Lachie Gill	1 st Amelia Leach
	4 th George Munro	2 nd Riley McBride
	5 th Angus McFadzien	3 rd Grace Walling
	6 th Lewis Chen	
8 years	5 th Digby Saunders	1 st Ava Leach
		4 th Tia Ware
9 years	1 st Dion Ngatai	1 st Tilly Mitchell
	2 nd Benjamin Rodgers-Foran	3 rd Arleea Hoffman
	3 rd Freddie Saunders	6 th Ashley Chan
	6 th Charlie Chen	
10 years	1 st Cooper Leach	1 st Maisie Mitchell
	2 nd Mitchell McLachlan	
	6 th Harrison Maclean	
11 years	3 rd Luke Jamieson	2 nd Mackenzie Herrick



New Zealand Speech Board Tuition Opportunity

There is an opportunity for children to have speech lessons through Speech New Zealand from Term 3 onwards. This involves tuition and NZ Speech Board exams. The Syllabus areas to develop children's ability to express themselves with clarity, confidence and courtesy in personal, social and public situations. Tuition fees will be covered by parents, ranging from \$15 to \$20 per session (depending on group size).

So far we have had one family interested in the opportunity. Please let us know within the next few weeks if you'd be interested in your child participating. At this stage there is not sufficient interest to run with sessions during school time. Otherwise there may still be the opportunity for parents to arrange sessions privately with the tutor (Annette Dalziel) here after school on a Thursday.

Give me a call if you'd like more information about this.

Bible in Schools

Please note that school is officially closed during this time and parents are responsible for supervising any children not attending Bible in Schools with the exception of some bus children.

Donations towards the cost of books for the children who attend Bible in Schools would be much appreciated. The approximate cost for each child is \$7.50. **Please send any donations along to school in a named envelope.** We can then forward these on to the LBK Presbyterian Church who provide the books. Thanks to those families who have already sent their donations.

Toymaking in Room 5



Children busy making all sorts of toys from marble rolls to teddy bears. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who came to help.

New Entertainment Books have arrived

The new Entertainment Books are now available at the school office. Funds raised will go towards new shelves in the Library. Both the traditional books and digital memberships for your smartphone are available. Online ordering and payment can be accessed at www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/26143w9 Contact Trish Gill for further information: trishy.mike@gmail.com or 021 0243 2741. Thank you for your support!



Happy as Sandboys (and girls)!

Children enjoying our fantastic new sandpit toys which were presented to us today by Sarah Flintoft (Walling Contracting), Stefan Cooper (Southfuels) and Murray Wilson (Southland Farm Machinery). Their support is very much appreciated.



We've agreed to take part in this good cause! Your support would be much appreciated

Tuesday May 23rd



Children could come wearing their favourite dress-up (anything from the dress-up supplies you may have!)

Calling all Southland Schools!

We were all Plunket Kids once upon a time, some of us more recently than others. For those of us big kids with our own Plunket Kids, we know the excitement of reading through their Plunket Books and the value of having someone dedicated to you and your growing wee bundle in those crucial first 1000 days. We here at The Hits are stoked to have teamed up with Plunket to help them raise a bundle of a different nature.

On Friday June 2nd, James & Liv from The Hits Southland Breakfast Show will fly to Auckland to take part in a good old fashioned telethon with a twist (tune in for details!) BUT before they leave, James & Liv need YOUR School Community's help to raise a mini bundle.

JAMES & LIV'S COIN TRAIL TO AUCKLAND

YES! They're bringing back one of the greatest fundraisers from their childhoods: the Coin Trail!
The aim: To raise a bundle of cash for the awesome work of Plunket NZ.
The method: Every school kid in Southland pitches in a coin or two to stretch as far as we collectively can from the Heart of Southland to the Head Quarters of Auckland! How you facilitate it is up to you, but we'd love to see a row of coins stretching out proudly in front of your school!

On **Wednesday May 31st** throw a mufti or hero day, crank up the barbie for a sausage sizzle, crack out the dance moves at a disco, your enthusiasm is the only limit!
School "too small"? Convert all your gold coins into ten cent pieces to stretch your school role!
Get creative or get cunning. Either way, get in behind and not only raise a bundle for Plunket, but go in the draw for some epic prizes!

There will be spot prizes for the schools that truly get into the spirit of the coin trail with the ultimate, completely random draw happening on the air, broadcast to the ENTIRE COUNTRY on The Hits, June 2nd!

We will check in with you on Friday to see if your school is going to take part, provide you with the finer details of how collecting your efforts will work and to see how you're planning to get that trail blazing!

x The Hits team!





**YOUTH
weekend**

**PINK
SHIRT
DAY™**

in **GORE**

Friday 26th May
Pink Shirt Day

SPEAK UP
Stand together
**STOP
BULLYING**

Ice Party / 7.00pm - 9.00pm.
Gore Multisports Complex, free entry.

Saturday 27th May
Night Market

4.00pm - 7.00pm.
Horse Bazaar, Mersey St.

Sunday 28th May
***"can for
a cause"***

Movie: Transformers - The Last Knight.
SBS St James Theatre, 3.00pm.
Entry by can of food (or pet food).

GO RURAL
RE CITY
LIVING

**YOUTH
week**



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Police Vetting Volunteers

Dear Parents

The Vulnerable Children's Act now imposes new responsibilities to the Board of Trustees with ensuring the safety of our children at school. To ensure we are complying with the requirements of the Vulnerable Children Act and to ensure the safety of our children the Board is requesting permission to Police Vet any person working or volunteering at Lumsden School or with Lumsden School children in any capacity e.g. parent helper, coach, overnight camps, day outings, clubs, driving children to events or any other activity where those volunteers are likely to have (or could have) unsupervised contact with students.

We request that any parent/caregiver/volunteer who may wish to help as parent helper, coach, on overnight camps, day outings, clubs, driving children to events or any other activity as part of Lumsden School's programs completes and returns page 2, signs the applicant authorization on page 3 of the attached document then returns these to school. Also please provide 2 forms of ID e.g passport, birth certificate, firearms licence, driver's licence; one of these must be photographic. The ID can be shown to Sharon or I. This will allow us to be prepared before specific events. These are valid for 3 years. We will keep a record of all parents/caregivers/volunteers who have been police checked and this will be updated as required.

Police Vetting is a responsibility of the Board of Trustees and is undertaken through the New Zealand Police Licensing and Vetting Service Centre.

All information received will be confidential to the Lumsden School Board of Trustees.

Only the requestor – the Principal – will open the returned information.

Please read the attached application carefully, complete page 2 then sign and date the "consent to disclosure" on page 3, then return this to the school office with the documents required.

Please note these steps are being taken as advised as being good practice as per the *Vulnerable Children's Act 2014* with the safety of our children as the main priority.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

Andrew and Lumsden School Board of Trustees

Name of Approved Agency submitting vetting request:

Lumsden School

Section 2: Applicant to complete and return to Approved Agency

**Denotes a mandatory field*

Personal Information

Details (note: the name you are most commonly known by is your primary name)

*Family name (Primary):

Given name(s):

*Gender:

(M) (F) (Other)

*Date of birth:
(dd/mm/yyyy)

*Place of birth:
(Town/state/country)

NZ Driver Licence number:

Previous names: If applicable, please include other alias or alternate names; married name if not your primary name; previous/maiden/name changed by deed poll or statutory declaration.

Family name	First name	Middle names

Permanent Residential Address

*Number/Street:

Suburb:

Post Code:

*City/Town/
Rural District:

Section 3: Applicant to complete and return to Approved Agency

Consent to release information

1. The New Zealand Police may release **any** information they hold if relevant to the purpose of this vetting request. This includes:
 - Conviction histories and infringement/demerit reports
 - Active charges and warrants to arrest
 - Charges that did not result in a conviction including those that were acquitted, discharged without conviction, diverted or withdrawn
 - **Any** interaction I have had with New Zealand Police, including family violence incidents, and investigations that did not result in prosecution
 - Information subject to name suppression where that information is necessary to the purpose of the vet.
2. If I am eligible under the Criminal Records (Clean Slate) Act 2004, my conviction history will not be released unless:
 - a. Section 19(3) of the Clean Slate Act applies to this request (exceptions to the clean slate regime)
 - b. Section 31(3) of the Vulnerable Children Act 2014 applies to this request (safety checks of core children's workers).Please see the [guide](#) for more information regarding the Clean Slate legislation.
3. The Police Vetting Service may disclose new relevant information to the Approved Agency after the completion of the Police Vet in the following circumstances:
 - The vetting request was submitted as part of a children's worker safety check under the Vulnerable Children Act 2014; and
 - The Police vet was completed within the past three years; and
 - The release of new information is considered justified under the Privacy Act 1993The Vetting Service will endeavour to notify you prior to the disclosure.
4. Information provided in this consent form may be used to update New Zealand Police records.
5. I am entitled to a copy of the vetting result released to the Approved Agency (to be provided by the agency) and can seek a correction by contacting the Vetting Service.
6. The Approved Agency will securely dispose of this consent form, copies of identification documents and the vetting result within 12 months of receiving the result unless a longer retention period is required by legislation.
7. I may withdraw this consent, prior to Police's disclosure of the vetting result, by notifying the Approved Agency. For further information, please see the [Guide to Completing the Consent Form](#).

Applicant's Authorisation:

- ✓ I confirm that the information I have provided in this form relates to me and is correct.
- ✓ I have read and understood the information above.
- ✓ I authorise New Zealand Police to disclose any personal information it considers relevant to my application (as described above) to the Approved Agency making this request for the purpose of assessing my suitability.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Electronic
Signature